transport sector; replacement of inefficient boiliers and furnaces, promotion of fuel-efficient equipment and practices in the industrial sector; rectification of pump sets in the agriculture sector; development and promotion of fuel efficient kerosene and LPG stoves in the domestic sector; and launching of multi-media awareness campaigns and imparting of education and training to the target group of oil users in these sectors. These measures have resulted in the saving of petroleum products.

(c) and (d) The new areas identified for oil conservation include inter-fuel substitution in road transport vehicles; upgradation of lubricants, equipment and devices; use of synthetic thickners for textile printing; and coverage of new or inadequately covered areas of oil conservation in sectors like civil aviation, shipping, inland water transport, etc.

Expenditure on advertisement degarding conservation of oil

3916. DR. YELMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state What is the total amount spent by Government towards publicity through various media to educate public to save/conserve oil, media-wise and year-wise during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): The Petroleum Conservation Research Association which has been entrusted by the Government with the task of undertaking multi-media awareness and education campaigns for the conservation of petroleum products, has incurred expenditure as under:—

(Figs. Rs. in /lakhs)

Name of the media	Year		
	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Electronic media	02.50	05.13	10.92
Print media	26.13	60.43	67.06
Press media	50.07	123.72	119.98
Misc.	02.07	03.44	05.36
	80.77	192.72	203.32

गैस एजेंसियों का आवंटन

3917. **श्री राजूभाई ए० परमार :** क्या पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत वर्ष के दौरान कितने व्यक्तियों को गैस एजेंसियां तथा पैट्रोल पम्प आवंटित किय गय हैं ;

(ख) इस संबंध में राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि ये आवंटन, नियमों के अनुरूप नहीं किये गये हैं तथा गैस एजेंसियों और पैट्रोल पम्प के आवंटन से संबंधित नियम क्या हैं ;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में तेल चयन समिति की स्वीकृति प्राप्त कर ली थी; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी. शंकरानन्द) : (क) से (ङ) जुलाई 1991 से 30 जून, 1993 तक एल पी जी की 49 डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें और खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्रों की 19 डीलरशिपें। ये आवंटन सरकार की स्वनिर्गयगत शक्तियों के अधीन अनुकम्पा के आधार पर किए गए हैं, राज्य-वार आधार पर नहीं ।

Supply of gas to Southern States

3918. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to appoint a Study Group to find out the pissibility of meeting the demand for greater share of natural gas of Western and Southern States, if so, when and what is the time for submission of the report;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to closer distances from the Bombay High the Western and Southern States would be provideed natural gas cheaply and quickly;

(c) how many million cubic meters of associated gas is being produced by the ONGC in Bombay High, how many million cubic meter per day free gas is being produced from South basin area and out of these how many million cubic meters of gas is being utilised today; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to stop this wastage and utilise the gas flaring daily?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) An Inter-Ministerial group had been constituted to examine the techno-economic feasibility of transporting natural gas from Western Offshore to the Southern region. The recommendations of the group are under examination.

(c) In 1991-92, approx. 25.12 MMSCMD of associated gas was produced in the Western Offshore region, of which approx. 8.77 MMSCMD was flared. In the same period, approximately 14.31 MMSCMD of free gas was produced from the South Bassein fields, and all of it was utilised.

(d) To minimise the flaring of gas in the Western Offshore region, ONGC are implementing the Gas Flaring Reduction Project at an approx. cost of US $ 3.2 billion.

3919. [*Transferred to the 18th August*, 1992.]

Waiting list of L.P.G. in Gurgaon

3920. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a waiting of more than a month for refills with Gurgaon Gas Agency andn Raj Autoways Gas Agency in Gurgaon, Haryana;

(b) the number of refills supplied to these agencies by the Indian Oil Corporation and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation during the last three months and what was the total number of waiting persons during the above period;

(c) the number of consumers, monthwise, on the waiting list during the above period and the excess stock; and

(d) the measures taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARAUNAND): (a) to (d) While constant attempts are made to provide LPG refills promptly, delay do occur from time to time for various reasons like strike, transport problems, etc. During the period April to June, 1992 M/s Raj Autoways were provided 13,998 refills by HPCL and M/s Gurgaon Gas Agency were provided 18826 refills by IOC.